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Sub: Implementation of the Committee's additional directions dated 26.09.2018 to promote road safety measures in the State – Follow up action thereon - Regarding.

Sir,

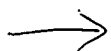
Kindly refer to Government of Uttarakhand letter dated 30th March, 2019 furnishing the compliance report relating to the additional directions of the Committee sought by the Committee vide its letter dated 26th September, 2018.

2. The measures taken by you on the additional directions have been examined by the Committee. The Committee has desired that the State should take action on its following observations/directions:

S. No	Issues	Observations of the committee
I	A) Annual targets for reduction of fatalities. B) Addressing most vulnerable stretches where maximum fatalities occur.	Noted. The Committee has following observations: A) The Lead Agency should monitor the reduction of fatalities in each district on quarterly basis and ensure that the district authorities take necessary steps to achieve the targets set for them. B) a) The Committee notes the information furnished by the State and desires that the State should furnish the information regarding total number of fatalities in each district in 2017 & 2018 and also fatalities which occurred at vulnerable stretches in each district in 2017 & 2018.



		b) Establish an effective operational mechanism at the district level to ensure that an all out and coordinated effort by all concerned Departments in the State is operationally made on ground to reduce fatalities in road accidents under intimation to the Committee.
II	District Road Safety Committees (DRSCs)	<p>a) The Committee notes that the State has set a target of 10% reduction in road accidents and fatalities for all districts.</p> <p>b) The Committee notes that the meetings held by DRSCs in 2018 and desires that the Lead Agency should ensure that the District Road Safety Committees meet once every quarter.</p> <p>c) The State should ensure that each DRSC analyzes the data of the district and identifies all vulnerable road segments (<u>whether they fall within the definition of black spots or not</u>) and takes specific measures to address the vulnerability issues on a regular basis.</p>
III	Investigations into road accidents by a team comprising of representatives from Transport, Police and PWD Departments.	<p>a) The Committee desires that a copy of the State Government's letters dated 04.10.2018 and 17.12.2018 should be sent to the Committee. The State should ensure that every road accident involving death or major injury is scientifically investigated.</p> <p>b) The Committee also desires that the Lead Agency should ensure that remedial action is taken on the basis of investigation reports.</p>
IV	Road Safety Training to the staff of the Lead Agency	Noted. The State should confirm that training has been imparted to all staff of the Lead Agency and that, while imparting such training to the staff of the Lead Agency, the course outlines/curriculum sent with Committee's letter dated 26.09.2018 was strictly adhered to.
V	Annual targets for helmet wear, seat belt and use of mobile phone	<p>a) The Committee notes that the State has set a target to increase the detection of violations by 10% over the number of violations detected in 2018.</p> <p>b) The Committee reiterates that the State and the DRSCs should formulate/evolve strategies to achieve these targets and implement the strategy.</p>
VI	National and State Highways: Establish Highway Patrol; check over speeding; use Interceptor vehicles to prevent over-speeding.	<p>i) The Committee notes that the State has not constituted special patrol forces exclusively for National Highways and State Highways which together accounted for about 81% fatalities in 2017 (NHs-62% & SHs-19%) and reiterates that the State should constitute special patrol forces exclusively for National Highways and State Highways in the State in a phased manner.</p> <p>ii) The Committee also desires that the State should procure interceptors exclusively for National and State Highways for taking preventive measures also e.g. checking speed limit violations and other traffic violations.</p>
VII	Assess requirements	The Committee notes that the State has procured Radar/Speed



	and set annual targets for procurement of equipment so as to reach BPR&D norms within the next 5 years.	Guns and Breath Analyzers according to BPRD norms and that the State proposes to reach the BPRD norms in respect of Interceptors, Towing Vehicles and Towing Vehicle Cameras in five years. The Committee desires that the State should set year wise targets for procurement of required equipments to reach the BPRD norms in next five years i.e. by 2023-24.
VIII	Proper training to personnel in the use of equipments; arrangements/ AMC to keep the equipment functional.	<p>a) The Committee notes that the tender documents stipulate that the suppliers shall train the personnel who will handle the equipments and that the tender documents also provides for annual maintenance contract after the expiry of warranty period.</p> <p>b) The Committee desires that the State should indicate the status of training and arrangements for maintenance/AMC in respect of equipments which have already been procured and are presently in use.</p>
IX	Traffic Calming Measures on lower hierarchy roads at junctions with higher hierarchy roads.	<p>The Committee notes that Chief Engineer (Road Safety Cell, PWD) has directed all Chief Engineers of PWD vide his letters dated 09.10.2018, 12.11.2018 and 05.01.2019 to survey all intersections of lower hierarchy roads with higher hierarchy roads. The Committee has the following observations:</p> <p>a) All junctions of lower hierarchy roads with higher hierarchy roads should be identified by 30th June, 2019 and annual targets for providing required Traffic Calming Measures on lower hierarchy roads at the junctions identified on SHs and MDRs should be set and implemented. The targets and the timelines there for set by the State for itself should be intimated to the Committee. Lead Agency should monitor its implementation.</p> <p>b) The exercise at sub para (a) above should be repeated after every 2 years.</p>
X	Installation, replacement, repairs and maintenance of crash barriers on hilly roads, near water bodies and other vulnerable locations to make/keep them IRC standards compliant.	<p>A) The Committee notes that Chief Engineer (Road Safety Cell, PWD) has directed all Chief Engineers of PWD vide his letters dated 09.10.2018, 05.12.2018 and 05.01.2019 to survey all such vulnerable locations. The Committee desires that following action should be taken.</p> <p>a) Intimate targets, year wise, set by the State & NHAI for installation of new crash barriers i.e. the total number of locations where new barriers <u>as per the IRC standards</u> are to be provided-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. On hilly roads; ii. Near water bodies; iii. Other vulnerable locations. <p>b) Targets set by the State/NHAI for replacement of existing crash barriers at required locations;</p> <p>B) NHAI should also provide information sought vide para (A) above in respect of crash barriers on NHAI roads to the Lead Agency.</p> <p>C) Intimate arrangements made by the State and NHAI for periodic maintenance of the crash barriers to ensure that they remain compliant with IRC standards.</p>

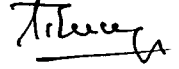
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XI	Make annual programme for repairing/replacing the bridges to make/keep them safe and IRC standards compliant.	The Committee notes that the State has not confirmed that all bridges in the State conform to IRC standards. The Committee directs that the Lead Agency should coordinate with all road owning agencies including NHA1 and send the information regarding number of bridges which do not conform to IRC standards and are required to be repaired /replaced and should also prepare a program for repairing/replacing bridges, with annual targets, and indicate the timeline within which all the bridges will be made to conform to IRC standards.
XII	Conduct audit of most vulnerable stretches of existing roads and implement recommendations of the Audit within a fixed timeframe.	Noted. The Committee directs that the State should take following action: a) Fix a timeframe for identification of all vulnerable road segments where accidents occurred the most. b) Fix a timeframe for conducting road safety audit of all vulnerable road segments identified as at (a) above and for implementing the Audit recommendations.
XIII	School buses and 3-wheelers: Carrying more school students than the prescribed carrying capacity	Noted. The Committee directs the State to take appropriate action under the law against the school buses and 3-wheelers carrying more school children than its prescribed carrying capacity. Action taken against the vehicles for this specific offence should be intimated to the Committee.
XIV	Under-age students driving motorized vehicles to school.	Noted. The Committee directs that the schools should be actively involved in ensuring that under-age students do not drive motorized vehicles to reach the school and appropriate action under the law should be taken against the owners who allow their vehicles to be driven by underage students. Action taken against the owners of such vehicles should be intimated to the Committee.
XV	All ambulances in the State should have a trained paramedic and required equipment.	Noted. The Committee desires that the State should confirm that all ambulances in the State have a trained paramedic and the required equipment.
XVI	Set targets for mapping all the ambulances in the State, both public and private so that they can be accessed by one common emergency number.	The State should fix a timeline for mapping all the ambulances in the State, both public and private and intimate the timeline to the Committee.
XVII	Publish Annual Accident Data pertaining to your State/UT regularly with effect from 2019 and make it public.	The Committee directs the State to take steps for recording data and reports through computerized data entry in the format prescribed by MoRTH and make the data public in a book form for the information of all stakeholders and send a copy thereof to the Committee.

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4. The Committee directs that all the above directions should be complied with by the State. The Lead Agency should coordinate with all concerned including NHAI and submit a comprehensive compliance report to the Committee by 15th July, 2019.

Yours faithfully,



(SD Banga)

Secretary to the Committee

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